

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,177 to Rapp et al. ("*Rapp*"); and rejected claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,854 to Buchner et al. ("*Buchner*").

Claims 1-11 remain pending.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as being allegedly patentably indistinct from claims 1-24 of *Rapp*.

Independent claim 1 of this application recites a voice recognition control system "whereby the second electronic device initiates registration of the second voice recognition table by requesting permission to transfer the second voice recognition table to the control means." The claims of *Rapp* do not require the "second electronic device" of claim 1 from this application.

Claim 9 of *Rapp* recites, "a device-document is sent from a corresponding device to the speech unit directly after said corresponding device was connected to the network," (emphasis added). Claim 11 of *Rapp* recites, "a device-document is sent from a device-document supply device to the speech unit directly after said corresponding device was connected to the network," (emphasis added). Claims 9 and 11 of *Rapp* do not require a "second electronic device [that] initiates registration . . . by requesting permission" as recited in claim 1 of this application. Instead, *Rapp*'s claimed "corresponding device" or "supply device" sends "a device-document" "directly after said corresponding device was connected to the network." Indeed, *Rapp*'s claims are silent

with respect to “requesting permission” as recited in claim 1 of this application. For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinct from *Rapp*’s claims.

Independent claim 7 of this application, while of different scope than claim 1, is patentably distinct from *Rapp*’s claims for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively.

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Claim 18 of *Buchner*, for example, recites “send[ing] a control-network-command from a control unit . . . to said remotely controllable device to control said device to transmit device or medium dependent user-network-commands to control said device.” Claim 18 of *Buchner* does not require a “second electronic device [that] initiates registration . . . by requesting permission” as recited in claim 1 of this application. Instead, *Buchner*’s claimed “remotely controllable device . . . transmit[s] device or medium dependent user-network-commands to said device” in response to “a control-network-command [sent] from a control unit.” Indeed, *Buchner*’s claims are silent with respect to the claimed “requesting permission.” For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinct from *Buchner*’s claims.

Independent claim 7 of this application, while of different scope than claim 1, is patentably distinct from *Buchner*’s claims for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively.

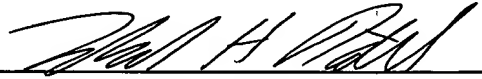
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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